

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)


TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 1, 2013

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Commissioner of Agriculture &
Consumer Services, the Senate
and House Agriculture
Committees and the Miami-Dade
State Legislative Delegation to
work with Miami-Dade County
to create rest stops for cattle
being transported from Texas and
other cattle-producing states in
that region to Miami for the
Miami International Agriculture,
Horse & Cattle Show

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-1-13

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES, THE SENATE AND HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES AND THE MIAMI-DADE STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO WORK WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CREATE REST STOPS FOR CATTLE BEING TRANSPORTED FROM TEXAS AND OTHER CATTLE-PRODUCING STATES IN THAT REGION TO MIAMI FOR THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, HORSE & CATTLE SHOW

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has a long history in both agriculture and cattle in a state known for both; and

WHEREAS, the annual Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show has been an excellent opportunity to showcase the significance of these activities, as well as link the U.S. and international cattle and horse industries in Miami to promote agri-business, which has generated a steady increase in the export of live animals and genetic materials to Latin America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Cattlemen's Association, more than 50 percent of the total value of U.S. sales of cattle and calves comes from the following five states:

1. Texas
2. Kansas
3. Nebraska
4. Iowa
5. Colorado; and

WHEREAS, because of South Florida's geographic proximity to Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the success of the Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show, exports of equine and bovine live animals, as well as genetic materials, have been rapidly growing; and

WHEREAS, according to the USDA, in 2011 South Florida exported 2,615 live horses and 191 head of cattle via the Port of Miami, Port Everglades and Miami International Airport and in the first eight months of this year alone, these numbers have grown to 3,010 live horses and 785 head of cattle; and

WHEREAS, facilities need to be developed as rest stops between the states where many of the horses and cattle that are exhibited or shipped out of the United States originate and South Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to request that the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services, the Senate and House Agriculture Committees and the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation to work with Miami-Dade County to create rest stops for horses and cattle being transported from Texas and other cattle-producing states to South Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services, the Senate and House Agriculture Committees and the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation to work with Miami-Dade County in creating rest stops for horses and cattle being transported from Texas and other states to South Florida for exhibition, sale and export to Latin America and the Caribbean.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services, the Chair and Members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the Chair and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2014 and 2015 State Legislative Packages when they are presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of October, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty